Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes December 15, 2005

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Meeting Location:

Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room
SPU Operations Control Center
2700 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Steve Foley (WDFW), Paul Haug (MIT), Frank Urabeck (Fish Advocate), Chuck Wischman (PSA), Bill Robinson (Public), Tim Romanski (UWFWS)

Other Participants: Ken Warheit, Brodie Antipa, Pat Frazier, Joan Thomas, (WDFW), and Judith Noble, Paul Faulds (SPU)

Public: *None present*

Call to order

Bruce B. called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

Approval of agenda

Members unanimously approved a revised agenda that included a PowerPoint presentation by Ken Warheit (WDFW) titled Genetic Characterization of Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) populations within Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 8), an update by Judith Noble and Bruce B. on the Hatchery SEIS appeal, and a PowerPoint presentation by Bruce B. on accomplishments in 2005 under Landsburg Mitigation Program.

Meeting minutes review and approval from November 17, 2005

The AFC unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead Genetic Characterization of Chinook salmon WRIA 8

Ken W. and provided members with PowerPoint presentation Genetic Characterization of Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) populations within Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 8). He noted that the presentation was similar to the one he provided to WRIA 8 in September however he has added some new slides describing microsatellite DNA analysis. The presentation from September can be found at the WRIA site: ftp://ftp4.metrokc.gov/wlr/maa/WRIA 8 TECH COMM/

Sockeye Hatchery

Bruce noted that Judith N. was present to update members on the Hearing Examiners (HE) decision on the Sockeye Hatchery SEIS appeal. Judith N. announced the HE found in favor of

the City of Seattle and she read a couple of select paragraphs from the HE decision. She provided members with copies of the decision.

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead - continued RFP process for 2006

Bruce B. stated the RFP was sent to members electronically for comments. He did not receive any comments so he sent out the final to interested parties including George Pess (NOAA), Tom Quinn (UW), and Roger Tabor (USFWS), and Steve Ralph (consultant). He noted that for-profit companies had a few more steps to go through and he suggested that consultants check with SPU so they can find out what additional steps (if any) will be required. He asked members to distribute the RFP. Frank U. felt that Jean White (SPU) should receive the RFP. She spent a considerable amount of time at King County and was tapped into the WRIA process.

Information and discussion items

Bruce provided members with a PowerPoint presentation on the highlights of 2005 under the Landsburg Mitigation Program.

Locks counts and Cedar River counts

Steve F. reported that WDFW would continue to float the Cedar River for coho counts as conditions permitted.

Landsburg Fish Passage

Paul F. reported the Landsburg Fish Ladder was still in sorting and the preliminary counts through December 8^{th} for coho were 25 females with two clipped and 50 male with 4 clipped. He reported that the fish passage facility would stay in sorting mode through January to continue trapping coho.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM